and rural development does not appear to have been published in the Delhi edition of the 'Hindu' dated 4th February, 1995. There is no proposal to introduce separate channels on Doordarshan exclusively for education and rural development on account of constraints of resources and manpower; nonetheless, 39 per cent of total telecast time on the National Channel is devoted to educational and development programmes. Besides there is now an exclusive channel for education and development operated by the Department of Space, Ministry of Rural Development and IGNOU.

Quality of Urdu Programmes

305. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the broadcast quality of Urdu Programmes on ESD (External Services Division) and NSD (News Services Division) being relayed from Akashwani Delhi and other stations has deteriorated steeply; and

(b) what measures are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir. However, it is the constant endeavour of All India Radio to bring about a qualitative improvement in their programmes.

(b) Does not arise

Fraudulent procurement of Newsprint

306. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of publications are only printing voucher copies and obtain news print quota on bogus circulation figures;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take against such bogus publications; and

(c) the number of such publications identified during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and the names of such publications and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) Entitlement certificate for import/purchase of newsprint from scheduled indigenous mills is not issued by the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) to any newspaper whose circulation claim is declared unestablished. During the last three years, the entitlement certificates issued to the following newspapers where cancelled by RNI due to unestablishment of their circulation claims:—

1. Somantak, Marathi Daily, Goa.

2. Sunday Mail, English Weekly, Bombay.

3. Rajkiya Rampa, Kannada Weekly, Bangalore.

Exhibition of 'Bandit Queen' at International Film Festival

307. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Bandit Queen', a film based on Phoolan Devi's biography, was exhibited in the recent International Film Festival even before the Board of Film Censors had cleared it;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Indian Express' of the 2nd October, 1994 under the caption "Phoolan Devi hits out at filmy violators"; and